

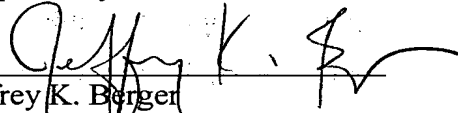
SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

With respect to the Objections to the Claims of the April 21, 2004 Office action, all claims now reflect the original preliminary amendment dated October 25, 2001. As such, all the claims are now in a proper single dependent claim format. The applicants request the objection related to improper multiple dependent claim format be withdrawn.

The current claims and are now believed to be in condition for consideration and allowance.

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